

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Hikmat Hojebane, et al.  
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For : IMPLANTABLE VALVULAR PROSTHESIS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Arlington VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on June 1, 2006. Applicants submit a corrected claims section. In particular, Claim 33 in the corrected claim section now shows the proper status identifier.

No additional fee is thought to be necessary to enter this Response. If an additional fee is required, the Examiner is authorized to charge the Applicants' Deposit Account - Account Number 10-0750/CRD-5051USNP.

Respectfully submitted,

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